



WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 28, 1903.

Forty years ago some Marylanders and many soldiers who were in that State at the time voted to manumit all the negroes of that commonwealth who were held in slavery. Maryland planters always contended that the government should have paid for the slaves thus liberated, as that State never went out of the union, and that it was against all ideas of justice to take any man's property without paying for it. But the civil war was in progress and no attention was paid to the protest. The conferring of franchise followed, and now, two score years after the enactment of these scenes the negro question is again an issue in Maryland, and will, in fact, be the paramount one at the approaching election. While for many reasons the Marylanders, like their brethren in other parts of the southern country, realize that they have no further use for slaves, they are decidedly averse to allowing unrestricted negro suffrage to prevail any longer. In line with Senator Gorman's speech last Saturday on the race question, Mr. Isidor Rayner, State Attorney General and democratic candidate for United States Senator, has gone a step further and declared in favor of disfranchising the negroes. It now appears certain that should the democrats win on the race issue in the election next Tuesday, a bill will be passed by the next legislature to restrict the suffrage of the sixty thousand negro voters in Maryland. Attorney General Rayner says the right never should have been conferred on the negro, because the amendment to the federal constitution giving him that right was never constitutionally adopted. Mr. Rayner says the disfranchisement of the negro is a movement toward self-preservation.

It is stated in Washington that the developments in the United States ship-building case have been brought to the attention of Attorney General Knox, with a view to prosecution in case the promotion of the enterprise comes in any of its phases within federal jurisdiction. The collapse of the corporation followed so soon upon its formation that opportunity was not afforded fully to disclose its purposes by its acts. The disclosures before the New York court have related chiefly to operations designed to sell the stock at a great advantage to the promoters. If a conspiracy to this end should be proved it would not in itself bring the case within the federal jurisdiction, but it should be made clear that the object of the corporation was to control interstate commerce, or to fix prices in any way within the meaning of the anti-trust or common carrier laws, so as to establish federal jurisdiction, the matter could be taken up by the federal authorities, but whether or not they would do so is another proposition.

THE FUSIONISTS of New York are manifesting the greatest anxiety as to result of next Tuesday's election, and many are depressed and pessimistic. Tammany, as has been the case on other occasions, has recuperated wonderfully during the short period it has been in the rear, and there are many indications that it will be in the van by this time next week. Thousands in the great metropolis have grown weary of fusion rule, as is generally the case. Reform waves are like summer thunder clouds—they soon pass away and give place to normal conditions. The people of a great city like New York must be governed by one or the other of the two parties—not by an amalgamation of republicans, dissatisfied democrats, prohibitionists and socialists.

IN an interview published in the New York Herald Mrs. Van Rensselaer Cruger, at her Washington home, said: "I heartily approve of President Roosevelt's social recognition of Booker T. Washington. I consider Mr. Washington one of the greatest men this country has ever produced—a great genius, in fact—and recognizing him as such I have sent him an invitation to be my guest during his next sojourn in Washington." Well, everybody to their taste as the old woman said when she kissed the cow, but it would seem to most people that Mrs. Cruger might have attracted attention by some other means.

THE MURDER of the King and Queen of Serbia recently, that of Sagouni, President of the Armenian Revolutionary Society, in London Monday evening, the attempt to kill Prince Gallitzin at Tiflis, Russia, yesterday, and the attempt yesterday to murder President Diaz of Mexico, show that the spirit of assassination is as pronounced now as ever, and that visions of an approaching millennium, which some pretend to see, are the veriest illusions. The regicide is as much in evidence now as in the days of Philip of Macedon or of Julius Caesar. And those whose feet are swift to shed blood are with us always.

THE Grand Camp of the United Confederate Veterans of Virginia met in annual session at Newport News today with a large attendance, though the

ranks of the veterans are rapidly being thinned out by time. These men occupy a proud position in the world's history and though they represent a lost cause their valor and deeds will be told in song and story for many generations to come.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]
Washington, D. C., Oct. 28.

The run on the St. Louis banks which started yesterday as the result of rumors affecting their solvency, and which was expected to continue today, has brought financial assistance from New York, New Orleans, and Chicago. A flood of money is pouring into the exposition city from these centers. From advice received at the Treasury Department this morning, the indications are that a considerable amount of money, probably even larger than that of yesterday, will be transferred to St. Louis today, so that if the demand upon the banks of that city should become serious they will be fortified to meet it.

So far the only Virginia congressman to arrive here for the winter is Mr. W. A. Jones, who will make his home at No. 1709 Q street, northwest.

The Alabama election law cases have been set for hearing in the Supreme Court of the United States for January. The Virginia cases have been docketed to come up for hearing the latter part of the same month. Attorney General Anderson of Virginia will represent his State, and Capt. John S. Wise the plaintiffs.

It is probable that the Navy Department will order the Nashville, which is now at Kingston, Jamaica, coaling, to San Domingo on account of the revolution in progress there, for the purpose of protecting American interests.

Representative Littauer and his attorney had a long talk this morning with President Roosevelt and Attorney General Knox. It is understood that Mr. Littauer is attempting to persuade the President to render him some sort of a vindication from the charges which have been preferred against him in connection with the glove contracts.

The question of the disposition of garbage in large cities was the principal subject under consideration at this morning's session of the American Public Health Association. This afternoon the papers on yellow fever which were to have been heard tomorrow will be read. There will be an argument by Dr. J. M. Lindsay, of Havana, in favor of basing quarantine regulations against yellow fever upon the doctrine that it is conveyed only by the mosquitoes. Tonight there will be a reception in honor of the association tendered by citizens of the District of Columbia.

Gov. Sanford B. Dole, of Hawaii, has been warmly recommended to succeed Judge Morris M. Estes on the Hawaiian Federal bench. Judge Estes died yesterday, and this morning Senator Culom and Wm. Heywood, who represent the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce in Washington, called on the President in Gov. Dole's interest.

Representative Dixon, of Montana, called on the President today to urge the appointment of Gov. Hunt of Porto Rico as Judge of the U. S. District court in Montana to succeed Judge Hiram Knowles, who is to retire at the end of the year.

Senators Mitchell and Fulton, of Oregon, and Representative Dixon, of Montana, who have been accredited with being Thompson's political backers, had a conference with Secretary Hitchcock this morning with reference to the latest developments in the western land frauds. Senator Fulton declared that stories of the land frauds are greatly exaggerated. Secretary Hitchcock said there are others besides Thompson who will be suspended or discharged, but he did not look for wholesale decapitations.

General Powell Clayton, Ambassador to Mexico, has informed the State Department that the report that an attempt was made yesterday to assassinate President Diaz of Mexico is unfounded.

The War Department has been informed that the merchant vessel carrying supplies for the cable staff of the Pacific Cable Company has been wrecked and her survivors cast away on Midway Island.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The authorities have decided to expel from Germany the correspondent of the Paris Figaro, who has been sending anti-German dispatches to his paper.

The inquest into the death of Sagouni, the Armenian leader murdered at Nuhabad yesterday opened in London today. The police have as yet obtained no clue to the murderer.

An attempt was made in Vienna today to assassinate Archbishop Serajevo. Two men, disguised as women, entered the archbishop's house, but were discovered before they had reached his room. The attempt is thought to be the result of the archbishop's anti-Turkish propaganda.

It is learned that the Pope has received urgent pressure from Cardinal Gibbons for the appointment of a second American cardinal. Cardinal Gibbons suggested that Archbishop Ryan, of Philadelphia, was the only one of the American clergy who would meet with general approval.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

Betting in New York continues in favor of McClellan for mayor, with a preponderance of McClellan money.

Mrs. Kate Jones, aged 80, was burned to death at Williamsport Pa., today during the absence of the family, by her dress catching fire from a stove.

A work train at Hyde Park, eight miles north of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., overturned this afternoon. It is reported seven Italians were killed.

Edward H. Stroebel will leave Cambridge, Mass., tomorrow for Siam, where he will act as the confidential adviser to the king of that country. Mr. Stroebel was appointed to his unique position last spring.

Nearly one hundred men, including machinists and helpers, were laid off for an indefinite period by the Erie Railroad Company, in its shops at Hornellsville, N. Y., today. At the same time, the shops were put on nine hours time instead of full time.

F. A. Heinze, in an authorized statement issued in Butte, Mont., this morning, declines to consider Thomas Lawson's proposition that an arbitration board fix the price to be paid by Lawson to Heinze for the latter's Butte holdings. He also denied that he offered to sell to Lawson for \$7,000,000 property worth twice that amount. He adds that he will not seriously consider any offer that Lawson may make.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Tammany claims a plurality of 48,250 votes for McClellan outside of Brooklyn.

Hon. William J. Bryan has postponed sailing for Europe until the Bennett will case is decided.

A blockade of Puerto Plata has been begun by the Santo Domingo Government, but the revolution makes headway.

The conference of the Pennsylvania Railroad employees with the general manager ended yesterday with few demands granted.

The run on three St. Louis banks yesterday was caused by an unfounded rumor. Depositors who presented checks were promptly paid and the run ceased.

United States District Judge Morris M. Estes died at Honolulu yesterday morning of prostration, following an operation performed two days ago for kidney trouble.

Fire caused an estimated damage of \$2,500 among drug supplies stored in the cellar of C. C. Bartgis & Sons, 212 east Lombard street and 211 Water street, Baltimore.

A W. Machen, indicted postal official, yesterday began proceedings to get possession of the Bristol report, to aid him in his defence. It is announced that the investigation of the New York postoffice, urged by Mr. Bristow, will be a most thorough one.

The Mississippi River Levee Convention assembled in New Orleans yesterday, and a resolution was adopted asking for federal aid in building levees on both banks of the Mississippi river. A letter from President Roosevelt, declaring his interest in the proposition was read to the body.

Rev. Charles G. Linthicum, a retired minister of the M. E. Church South, died at his home, near Branchville, Md. Sunday evening at an advanced age. The deceased leaves several grown children. His recent marriage to Miss Beall, of Prince George's county, owing to the advanced age of both bride and groom, created somewhat of a sensation in that section, where both parties were well known.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A report that the body of E. L. Wentz, the missing millionaire, has been found is denied in Bristol.

The Sherwood Hotel on the reservation at Fort Monroe was yesterday sold to S. J. Dudley, who says he bought it for clients. The price paid was \$27,500.

Managing Director Bryan, of the Richmond branch of the American Locomotive Works, says the Richmond works will not be closed or turned into a repair shop.

John Kennedy, who wrecked a Norfolk and Western Railway train near Greenville last December, was convicted at Staunton yesterday of murder in the first degree.

A pretty wedding was celebrated at the Baptist Church in Berryville yesterday the contracting parties being Rev. Franklin W. Kerfoot and Miss Louise Dix Hardesty.

Miss Anna Lee, daughter of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, will leave Richmond for a two months' visit to her brother today, Lieut. George Mason Lee, now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

Martha Ann Saunders, administratrix of W. H. Saunders, has instituted suit in the Pittsylvania Circuit Court against the Southern Railway Company for \$10,000. W. H. Saunders was killed at Franklin Junction, Va., by a fast passenger train of the Southern last spring.

Messrs. Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week to citizens of this State, of the following patents: John J. Hill, of Rose Mills, for an electric carrying apparatus; Joseph W. Bronaugh, of Manchester, for a lathe attachment; Reginald A. Fessenden, of Fort Monroe, for signaling by electromagnetic waves.

A freight train on the Norfolk and Western railroad, drawn by engines going north, was wrecked yesterday about six miles south of Loyal. About sixteen cars were demolished, including one filled with mules. All of the mules are reported killed except four. So far as known the trainmen escaped uninjured. The track was blocked for some hours.

Mrs. Addie Dean Lyons had two of the small bones in her leg broken Monday night by a fall. She had gone to Chesterfield to inspect the apartments taken by Capt. Hall, her daughter's fiancé, when she tripped and fell, and now will not be able to attend the wedding. It is possible the plans may be changed to have the marriage take place in Richmond.

BEARS PUT HUNSMEN TO ROUT.

While Krebs Stewart and Peter Kimmle were hunting grouse in the vicinity of Bear Rocks, in the Alleghenies, north of Altoona, Pa., on Saturday they encountered a group of five bears, a male and a female and three cubs. In his excitement Stewart fired both barrels of his shotgun into the family, slightly wounded all. Before Kimmle could load up with buckshot the entire Bruin family was after the two hunters with blood in their eyes. As Kimmle and Stewart retreated the male and female bears trailed them half a mile down the mountain before they abandoned the chase. The cubs, which were almost full grown, were heading the stern chase the last time the hunters looked back. A hunting party left Altoona Monday in an effort to find the bears.

NEW RACING RECORDS.

—Dan Patch (1:56 1/4) within 45 minutes' elapsed time yesterday afternoon smashed two world's records in succession on the track of the Memphis Trotting Association. First he went against the world's half-mile pacing record of 57 1/2 seconds, held by Prince Alert, and clipped a second and half from the record, negotiating the distance in 56 seconds flat. Next he hung out a new world's record for a mile pacing to wagon, making the mile in 1:57 1/4, two seconds better than the time of 1:59 1/4, which he made at the recent meeting on the Lexington (Ky.) track, which stood as the world's record until yesterday afternoon.

The grip of a Chicago street car struck a projecting manhole cover near May street, last evening, and came to an instant stop, the passengers being hurled from their seats. Three sitting on the front of the grip were thrown through the glass of the vestibule, and fearfully slashed, one being internally injured and in danger of death.

CITY COUNCIL.

Last night was the regular meeting night in course of the City Council. The Aldermen were not in session, no quorum appearing. The Common Council transacted an average volume of business.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

But four members—Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney—had appeared in the Aldermen's chamber at 8 o'clock. The messenger was sent after others, but he having returned and reported that no more could be found, those who had gathered finally adjourned. According to the rule, a meeting will be held tonight.

COMMON COUNCIL.

The board was called to order by President Paff shortly before 8 o'clock. The finance committee reported in favor of an appropriation of \$200 to fit up the Reliance engine house, which was agreed to.

The street committee reported in favor of an appropriation of \$250 for a sewer in the alley north of Cameron street between Alfred and Columbus.

An appropriation of \$300 to gravel Gibbon street from Washington to Patrick was made.

The street committee reported in favor of an \$1800 sewer on Pendleton street from Washington street to Pitt and on a portion of Washington street, nearby.

Mr. Leadbeater explained that Pendleton street was much better suited for a sewer than Oronoco street. He said this would give an outlet to a section which now needed sewerage.

Mr. Spinks explained his position to be that he desired an increase of the appropriation from \$1800 to \$3000 in order that a more useful sewer might be made on Oronoco street instead of Pendleton street.

Mr. Bryan thought that \$1800 was a large sum of money to be expended for the convenience of a few citizens.

Mr. Snowden thought that this proposal had been abandoned, and was surprised to find that it was still alive. He contended that by a much smaller expenditure a sewer could be built to accommodate the householders in that section of the city. The general sewer system recently adopted would compel the Porter Brewing Company if this sewer was laid to pay more than double what he thought it ought to pay.

Mr. Johnson explained that this was a mistake, as the Porter Company would not be taxed for a whole square but only for the half of a square.

Mr. Snowden urged that a smaller sewer would serve all present purposes.

Engineer Dunn came in at this time with a large plat of the neighborhood of the proposed sewer. In reply to a question by Mr. Snowden,

The city engineer said that the committee on streets did not wish to send the house waste west to pollute the building lots in the western section of the city, but expected that the surface drainage of that section would go to Hood's Run.

Mr. Spinks asked the engineer several questions in reference to the surface drainage in the western part of the city.

President Paff—You ask Mr. Dunn a question and then don't give him a chance to answer.

Mr. Dunn did not think that Oronoco street would be a better route for the sewer than Pendleton street.

The City Engineer explained his plans and said that the proposed Pendleton street sewer would take on storm water at St. Asaph street.

Mr. Snowden offered as a substitute for the committee's report an order that the City Engineer prepare a plan for sewerage from Washington on Pendleton street, which was lost, yeas 4 nays 8.

After a colloquy between Mr. Spinks and the City Engineer relative to the sewers,

Mr. Leadbeater asked if sewers were not to be built except when there were tappers, why was it that a sewer had been made on Pendleton from the river to Pitt street when there were no tappers, except to complete a system.

Mr. Snowden said that that sewer was built from Pitt street to the river and not from the river to Pitt street. No sewer had ever been built from the river backwards.

After further debate, Mr. Spinks asked the City Engineer if it would not be more effective and cheaper to run the sewer on Oronoco street than on Pendleton street.

The engineer thought not, and said if the councilmen would examine a chart which he laid on the table, they would see how the case stood.

After further discussion by Messrs. Spinks, Leadbeater, Johnson, Burke and Snowden,

Mr. Uhler said that when the committee on streets reported an improvement appropriation it always had a string tied to it. Why not put the whole plan before the council at once and say what it would cost. Other expenditures would have to follow this.

Mr. Leadbeater said the cost would be too great at one time.

Mr. Uhler said that the appropriation need not all come out of the appropriations for any one year but might run over a series of years.

The report was adopted, yeas 10, nays 2.

An ordinance authorizing Messrs. Williams and Downham to place metal receptacles for waste paper, banana peel, etc., at the trolley poles on King street and authorizing them to place advertisements thereon, and requiring them to clean the same from day to day, was agreed to, yeas 12, nays 0.

An appropriation of \$1000 for the improvement of Commerce street was agreed to, yeas 12, nays 0.

An appropriation of \$300 for a sewer from Henry to Patrick street in the first ally south of King street was agreed to.

An ordinance for a \$1900 appropriation for macadamizing Cameron street from Washington to Pitt street, was passed.

Mr. Leadbeater explained that it was designed to make vitrified brick and cobble gutters.

When the question was up, Mr. Snowden asked which would be the cheaper, cobble stone on macadam. Mr. Leadbeater said cobble stone would cost somewhat less.

Mr. Snowden said small cobble stones would be better than macadam in the heart of the city, for macadam is only a country road, after all; cobblestone paving when properly done is better than gravel streets, and that in front of St. Paul's Church is good now, although laid forty years ago.

The vote stood yeas 11, nays 1.

The committee on streets reported in favor of a \$1,715 appropriation for a macadam roadway on Alfred street from

Queen to Princess. It had been proposed to gravel both squares but the Mayor had vetoed the order.

Mr. Leadbeater said that the cost of gravel would have been about \$800.

Mr. Spinks asked why is a greater sum now asked.

Mr. Leadbeater—Because it seemed the wish of many that a larger appropriation should be made and a better grade of work done.

Mr. Bryan said it was time to call a halt, for only \$12,000 had been appropriated for street work for the year.

Mr. Snowden called attention to the fact that \$5,750 had been appropriated tonight; we were on the line of an increase in the rate of taxation if these expenditures kept up; there could be no more bond issues and Council was restricted as to temporary loans.

Mr. Leadbeater said that the work already done was now bringing in money and would add to the resources of the treasury.

The report was recommitted in order that the cost of a sewer on the square might be reported.

The committee on light reported adversely on the resolution that the Auditor should be allowed to pay bills in relation to the gas works improvements without the approval of the City Engineer.

Mr. Johnson in presenting the report, said the resolution was a reflection on the committee and he and Mr. Trimyer said they did not know why the Auditor had taken such a stand in the matter.

Messrs. Bryan and Snowden thought the Auditor was right in the matter, as he thought the committee was exceeding the authority given it by Council.

After discussion a motion by Mr. Snowden to lay on the table having been lost, the report of the committee was adopted.

An ordinance regulating the sale of cocaine, etc., was read and referred to the committee on general laws.

Mr. Johnson said the ordinance was a copy of the law of Rosnoke.

The committee on general laws reported an ordinance creating the office of superintendent of the town clock at a salary of \$100 per annum.

Mr. Snowden called attention to the message of the Mayor in 1901 advising that the office of regulator of the clock be abolished. He said on the strength of the message an ordinance had been passed abolishing the office, increasing the pay of the janitor to wind the clock, and providing for the proper attention to the clock. He opposed the increase of city officers and said the old ordinance was all that was needed. He thought also that the passage of the proposed ordinance would have the effect of reducing the messenger's pay. In this other members differed.

Mr. Brill said that the additional cost would be only \$40 more than it was before the office had been abolished.

Mr. Burke did not think that the committee had a right, which it had taken, to employ an officer not provided by law.

The ordinance was passed, yeas 10, nays 2.

Mr. Snowden asked if this vote could pass the ordinance on the same night of its introduction.

The chair ruled that the ordinance had passed.

Mrs. Chas. Kelly was authorized to put a frame addition to her home on Patrick and Cameron streets.

The managers of the Children's Home on Duke and Royal streets, asked that that institution be relieved from payment of the Royal street sewer tax; referred to finance committee.

An ordinance to prevent house drains to run on the surface of any street where a sewer has been laid was reported and referred.

OFFICIAL.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Alexandria, Va., held October 27, 1903, there were present: Messrs. Burke, Marbury, Curtin and W. H. Sweeney. No quorum appearing the meeting, according to the rule, adjourned until October 28, 1903.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council of the city of Alexandria, Va., held October 27, 1903, there were present: F. J. Paff, esq., President, and Messrs. Trimyer, Snowden, Burke, Baader, Bryan, Brill, Johnson, Uhler, Leadbeater, Spinks and McCuen.

The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of \$1,800 to sewer Pendleton street from Pitt to Washington street. Mr. Snowden offered a substitute that the City Engineer be directed to prepare plans and costs of a sewer to accommodate property owners at and near the intersection of Washington and Pendleton streets, which was lost.

Ayes, Snowden, Bryan, Uhler and Spinks (4). Noes, Trimyer, Burke, Baader, Johnson, McCuen, Leadbeater, and Mr. President (10). The report of the committee was adopted. Ayes, Trimyer, Burke, Baader, Brill, Johnson, Uhler, McCuen, Leadbeater, Spinks and Mr. President (10). Noes, Snowden and Bryan (2).

A resolution appropriating \$250 to sewer alley north of Cameron, Alfred to Columbus street, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and passed. Ayes 11, noes 0.

A resolution appropriating \$300 to gravel Gibbon street was recommended by the Committee on Streets and passed. Ayes 11, noes 0.

A resolution appropriating \$200 to purchase receptacles for waste paper, etc., was recommended by the Committee on Streets and passed. Ayes 11, noes 0.

A resolution appropriating \$300 to sewer alley south of King street, Patrick to Henry streets, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and passed. Ayes 12, noes 0.

The Committee on Streets recommended an appropriation of \$200 to purchase two squares on Cameron street from Washington to Pitt street, which was passed. Ayes, Trimyer, Burke, Baader, Brill, Bryan, Johnson, Uhler, McCuen, Leadbeater, Spinks and Mr. President (11). Noes, Snowden (1).

A resolution appropriating \$1,000 to repave gutters, set curb and gravel 20 foot roadway on Commerce street from King to Prince street, was recommended by the Committee on Streets and passed. Ayes 12, noes 0.

An ordinance granting to J. Y. Williams and Robert F. Downham the privilege of erecting on the streets of the city metal boxes as receptacles for waste paper, etc., was recommended by the Joint Committee on General Laws and Streets and read the first, second and third times and passed. Ayes 12, noes 0.

An ordinance to create the office of Keeper of Town Clock, to fix his bond and salary and define his duties, was recommended by the Committee on General Laws and Streets and passed. Ayes, Trimyer, Baader, Brill, Bryan, Johnson, Uhler, McCuen, Leadbeater, Spinks and Mr. President (10). Noes, Burke and Snowden (2).

The Committee on Light reported that they could not see any good purpose to be accomplished by the passage of the resolution which was referred to them at the last meeting and recommended that it do not pass. A motion by Mr. Snowden to lay the report on the table was lost and the report of the committee was adopted.

A report of the Committee on Streets with estimates and cost for paving Alfred street from Queen to Princess street was recommended to the Committee on Streets.

An ordinance making it unlawful to allow house or bath water or any other drainage except rain water to be drained on any street or alley where any public sewer has been constructed, or may hereafter be constructed, was read and referred to the

Shrinkage in Cattle Values.

Chicago, Oct. 28.—A request by one of the big stock yards concerns to have its consignments weighed to another house caused some commotion in live stock circles yesterday. The enormous shrinkage in cattle values during the past twelve months, estimated conservatively at \$75,000,000 has severely affected the finances of more than one big outfit doing a range business, but so far all of them have managed to tide over their difficulties. The officers of the company in question were besieged with inquiries but all of the principals were reported to be in Kansas City, where a meeting was held for the purpose of arranging a settlement. Some range cattle have depreciated fifty per cent. Loans floated two years ago, on the basis of \$6 cattle have shown heavy losses when the stock was cashed in at \$3.84. An instance of this is the recent sale of a well known brand of Nebraska cattle at \$3.80 that brought \$7.80 a year ago, and on which \$6 had been advanced.

A petition from Mrs. Charles Kelly to erect a frame shed at the corner of Cameron and Patrick streets was referred to the Committee on Streets.

The board then adjourned.

FRED J. PAFF, President.
Teste: DANIEL E. STANSBURY, Clerk.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

The Bechtel Tragedy.

New York, Oct. 28.—David Weisenberger, the traveling salesman whose name has been mentioned in connection with the murder of Miss Mable Bechtel, of Allentown, Pa., whose body was found in an alley near her home yesterday, surrendered himself at police headquarters early this morning. Weisenberger said he had not heard of the death of Miss Bechtel until late last night and as soon as he ascertained that he was wanted he came to police headquarters. Detective Krauss, of Allentown, came here this morning, and placed him under arrest. Weisenberger said: "I last saw Mabel Bechtel for a few